

# A Checklist of Birds of Tonto National Monument

Gila County, Arizona

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Common names, scientific names, and taxonomic order are in conformity with the Sixth Edition of the American Ornithologists Union -*A Checklist of North American Birds* 1983 (as amended in 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995)

Orders and family names include those known in Arizona and are in conformity with The Arizona Bird Committee's *Field Checklist of the Birds of Arizona* G. H. Rosenberg and D. Stejskal, compilers December 1994

## Special, Abundance, and Seasonal Status Codes Guide

### SPECIAL CODES:

NN = Nonnative species

NS = New species (not recorded on previous published checklists)

\* = U. S. federally listed threatened or endangered or candidate species

H = Hypothetical -lacks physical documentation of either a scientific specimen or diagnostic photograph. Does not necessarily infer questionable records.

NOTE: Information for most species is insufficient. Detailed information is requested of seasonal occurrence and abundance and nesting/breeding records.

<b>ABUNDANCE:</b>	<b>SEASONALSTATUS:</b>
<b>c</b> - Common Easily found in the proper habitat in the right season and always to be seen; includes the term "abundant"	<b>R</b> - Resident (Individuals present throughout the year)
<b>f</b> - Fairly common (Usually present in small numbers)	<b>V</b> - Visitant (Species that may occur in the area during summer or winter, usually on a temporary basis, but does not breed; includes post-nesting wanderers)
<b>u</b> - Uncommon (Mostly present in low numbers; found with difficulty)	<b>Sp</b> - Spring
<b>r</b> - Rare (Not to be expected, occurrence unpredictable, species seen are within normal range)	<b>Su</b> -Summer
<b>ca</b> - Casual (Absent some years, but a low number present several times each decade; species seen are outside normal range, but not unexpected)	<b>Fa</b> -Fall
<b>i</b> - Irruptive or Irregular (Fairly common to abundant locally in some years, totally absent in others)	<b>Wi</b> -Winter
<b>x</b> - Accidental (Judged unlikely to be repeated; species seen is outside normal range and is not expected)	<b>T</b> - Transient Species which pass through the area, usually during spring and/or fall migration (includes Migrant)
<b>E</b> - Extirpated (No longer occurs in area, but formerly noted)	<b>N</b> - Nesting or Breeding (One or more pairs known to breed; includes brood parasites)
	<b>?</b> - Nesting or Breeding unconfirmed (Nesting may be presumed, but is not confirmed with physical documentation)

## **American Birding Association Code of Birding Ethics**

*Respect wildlife, its environment, and the rights of others.*

### **1. Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.**

- Support the protection of important bird habitat.
- Avoid stressing birds or exposing them to danger.
- Limit methods of attracting birds.
- Remain well back from nests, roosts, display areas, and feeding sites.
- Keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.

### **2. Respect the law and the rights of others.**

### **3. Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and other artificial bird environments are safe.**

- Maintain and clean feeders and nest structures regularly.
- Keep birds safe from predation from cats and other domestic animals.

### **4. Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care.**

- Respect fellow birders. Share your knowledge, especially with beginners.
- Document unethical birding behavior, intervene if prudent, and notify appropriate individuals or organizations.
- Leaders should teach ethics through word and example.
- Limit group impact on birds and their environment, and others using the same area.

Abundance and status codes according to:

- 1) Allen, L. W. 1993. A plea for consistency. *Birding*. Oct.: 346-348.
- 2) 2) Recommendations from G. Rosenberg, Arizona Bird Committee
- 3) Wauer, R. 1994. Bird checklists: a review and guidelines. *The George Wright Forum*. 11: 1: 23-29.
- 4) Brown, B. et al. 1984. Birds of the Grand Canyon Region: an annotated checklist. 2nd edition. Grand Canyon Natural History Monograph Number 1. 54 p.

This list represents a compilation of birds observed or heard during an avian inventory and censusing between September 22, 1992 and September 18, 1995, or which were historically recorded within Tonto National Monument between 1935 and 1992. Many species have been verified with a voucher specimen stored in a permanent collection. Listed bird species are only those found within the boundaries of the monument, however some of these may only fly over the monument en route to Roosevelt Lake or to the Salt River and may not actually use available habitat (e.g., American White Pelican). Future census work and long-term monitoring may alter abundance codes and status codes. This list does contain species which were not detected during census work or during road surveys from 1992-95 but which are represented by a voucher specimen or by historical records. More information is needed for all species. Please help us update this list by submitting detailed information (e.g., drawings, photos, written descriptions) to Tonto National Monument, ATTN: Superintendent, HC02, Box 4602, Roosevelt, AZ 85545. Thank you.

ORDER FAMILY Common Name <i>Genus species</i> form	Special Codes	Seasonal Abundance				Nesting
		Sp	Su	Fa	Wi	
<b>PELICANIFORMES</b>						
PELECANIDAE - PELICANS						
American White Pelican <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	H	caT		caT		
<b>CICONIIFORMES</b>						
ARDEIDAE - BITTERNS, HERONS, AND EGRETS						
Great Blue Heron <i>Ardea herodias</i>	H	uT		uT		
<b>ANSERIFORMES</b>						
ANATIDAE - SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS						
Canada Goose <i>Branta canadensis</i>	H	uT		uT	uT	
Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	H	uT		uT	uT	
<b>FALCONIFORMES</b>						
CATHARTIDAE - NEW WORLD VULTURES						
Turkey Vulture <i>Cathartes aura</i>			cR			
PANDIONIDAE - OSPREY						
Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	H	uT		uT	uT	

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ACCIPITRIDAE - EAGLES, HAWKS, AND ALLIES						
Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	*	uR	uR	uR	uR	
Northern Harrier <i>Circus cyaneus</i>	H	uT		uT	u	
Sharp-shinned Hawk <i>Accipiter striatus</i>	H	rT		rT		
Cooper's Hawk <i>Accipiter cooperii</i>		uR	uR	uR	uR	N
Northern Goshawk <i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	H					
Harris' Hawk <i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	H	rT		rT		
Swainson's Hawk <i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	H	rT	rV	rT		
Zone-tailed Hawk <i>Buteo albonotatus</i>	H	uT	uR	uT		
Red-tailed Hawk <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	H	fR	fR	fR	fR	?
Ferruginous Hawk <i>Buteo regalis</i>	H	rT		rT		
Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	H	rT	r	rT	rV	
FALCONIDAE - CARACARAS AND FALCONS						
American Kestrel <i>Falco sparverius</i>	H	fR	fR	fR	fR	?
Merlin <i>Falco columbarius</i>	H					
Prairie Falcon <i>Falco mexicanus</i>	H					
Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	*	rR	rR	rR	rR	

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<b>GALLIFORMES</b>						
PHASIANIDAE - PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS, QUAIL						
Chukar <i>Alectoris chukar</i>	NN H	e	e	e	e	
Wild Turkey <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	H	e	e	e	e	
Scaled Quail <i>Callipepla squamata</i>	H					
Gambel's Quail <i>Callipepla gambelii</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	?
<b>COLUMBIFORMES</b>						
COLUMBIDAE - PIGEONS, DOVES						
Band-tailed Pigeon <i>Columba fasciata</i>	H				i	
White-winged Dove <i>Zenaida asiatica</i>			fR			?
Mourning Dove <i>Zenaida macroura</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	?
Common Ground-Dove <i>Columbina passerina</i>	H					
<b>CUCULIFORMES</b>						
CUCULIDAE - CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS, ANIS						
Yellow-billed Cuckoo <i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	NS H		rV			
Greater Roadrunner <i>Geococcyx californianus</i>		fR	fR	fR	fR	?

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<b>STRIGIFORMES</b>						
TYTONIDAE - BARN-OWLS						
Common Barn-owl <i>Tyto alba</i>		uR	uR	uR	uR	?
STRIGIDAE - TYPICAL OWLS						
Western Screech-Owl <i>Otus kennicottii</i>		uR	uR	uR	uR	?
Great Horned Owl <i>Bubo virginianus</i>		fR	fR	fR	fR	?
Ferruginous Pygmy-owl <i>Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum</i> Cactus form	* H					
Elf Owl <i>Micrathene whitneyi</i>			fR			?
Spotted Owl <i>Strix occidentalis lucida</i> Mexican form	*				rT	
<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES</b>						
CAPRIMULGIDAE - NIGHTHAWKS AND NIGHT JARS						
Lesser Nighthawk <i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>			cR			?
Common Nighthawk <i>Chordeiles minor</i>	H					
Common Poorwill <i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i>		cT	cR	cT		?



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<b>APODIFORMES</b>						
APODIDAE - SWIFTS						
White-throated Swift <i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>		cT	cR	cT	rV	?
TROCHILIDAE - HUMMINGBIRDS						
Black-chinned Hummingbird <i>Archilochus alexandri</i>			fR			?
Anna's Hummingbird <i>Calypte anna</i>	H				rR	?
Costa's Hummingbird <i>Calypte costae</i>			fR			?
Broad-tailed Hummingbird <i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>	H	fT		fT		
Rufous Hummingbird <i>Selasphorus ruffs</i>	H	fT		fT		
<b>PICIFORMES</b>						
PICIDAE - WOODPECKERS AND ALLIES						
Acorn Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	H					
Gila Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes uropygialis</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	?
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker <i>Sphyrapicus varies</i>	H					
Red-naped Sapsucker <i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i>					rV	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker <i>Picoides scalaris</i>		uR	uR	uR	uR	?
Northern Flicker <i>Colaptes auratus</i> Red-shafted form	H	fR	fR	fR	fR	?
Gilded Flicker <i>Colaptes chrysoides</i>		fR	fR	fR	fR	?

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<b>PASSERIFORMES</b>						
TYRANNIDAE - TYRANT FLYCATCHERS						
Olive-sided Flycatcher <i>Contopus borealis</i>		rT		rT		
Western Wood-Pewee <i>Contopus sordidulus</i>		uT	uV vist	uT		
Hammond's Flycatcher <i>Empidonax hammondi</i>		uT		uT		
Dusky Flycatcher <i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>		uT		uT		
Gray Flycatcher <i>Empidonax wrightii</i>		rT		rT		
Cordilleran Flycatcher <i>Empidonax occidentalis</i>		uT		uT		
Black Phoebe <i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	H	uR	uR	uR	uR	?
Say's Phoebe <i>Sayornis saya</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	N
Vermilion Flycatcher <i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	H					
Ash-throated Flycatcher <i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>			fR			?
Brown-crested Flycatcher <i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>			fR			?
Cassin's Kingbird <i>Tyrannus vociferans</i>	H		rV			
Western Kingbird <i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>			cR			?
<b>HIRUNDINIDAE - SWALLOWS</b>						
Purple Martin <i>Progne subis</i>	H		uR			?
Violet-green Swallow <i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	H	cT		cT		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow <i>Stegidopteryx serripennis</i>	H		uR			
Cliff Swallow <i>Hirundo pyrrhonata</i>	H		uR			
Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	H					

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CORVIDAE - JAYS. MAGPIES, CROWS						
Steller's Jay <i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>					rV	
Western Scrub-jay <i>Aphelocoma californica</i>					uV	
Pinyon Jay <i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i>	H					
Clark's Nutcracker <i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>	H					
Common Raven <i>Corvus corax</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	?
PARIDAE - CHICKADEES, TITMICE						
Mountain Chickadee <i>Parus gambeli</i>					rV	
Bridled Titmouse <i>Parus wollweberi</i>					uV	
Plain Titmouse <i>Parus inornatus</i>	H					
REMIZIDAE - VERDINS						
Verdin <i>Auriparus flaviceps</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	?
SITTIDAE - NUTHATCHES						
Red-breasted Nuthatch <i>Sitta canadensis</i>	H					
White-breasted Nuthatch <i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	H					
CERTHIIDAE - CREEPERS						
Brown Creeper <i>Certhia americana</i>					rV	

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TROGLODYTIDAE - WRENS						
Cactus Wren <i>Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus</i>	H	cR	cR	cR	cR	?
Rock Wren <i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	H	fR	fR	fR	fR	?
Canyon Wren <i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	?
Bewick's Wren <i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>		uR	uR	uR	uR	?
House Wren <i>Troglodytes aedon</i>					uR	
MUSCICAPIDAE - KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS, AND THRUSHES						
Ruby-crowned Kinglet <i>Regulus calendula</i>					fR	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher <i>Polioptila caerulea</i>	H	uT	rR	uT		?
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher <i>Polioptila melanura</i>			fR			?
Western Bluebird <i>Sialia mexicana</i>					rV	
Mountain Bluebird <i>Sialia currucoides</i>	H					
Townsend's Solitaire <i>Myadestes townsendi</i>					rV	
Hermit Thrush <i>Catharus guttatus</i>					fR	
American Robin <i>Turdus migratorius</i>					uV	
MIMIDAE - MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS, AND ALLIES						
Northern Mockingbird <i>Mimus polyglottos</i>			cR			N
Sage Thrasher <i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>	H				uV	
Curve-billed Thrasher <i>Toxostoma curvirostre</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	N
Crissal Thrasher <i>Toxostoma crissale</i>		uR	uR	uR	uR	?

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BOMBYCILLIDAE - WAXWINGS						
Bohemian Waxwing <i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	H					
Cedar Waxwing <i>Bombycilla cedorum</i>					rV	
PTILOGONATIDAE - SILKY- FLYCATCHERS						
Phainopepla <i>Phainopepla nitens</i>		cT	uR	cT	uR	N
LANIIDAE -SHRIKES						
Loggerhead Shrike <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>					rR	
STURNIDAE - STARLINGS AND ALLIES						
European Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	NN H	fR	fR	fR	fR	?
VIREONIDAE - VIREOS						
Bell's Vireo <i>Vireo bellii</i>			cR			N
Solitary Vireo <i>Vireo solitarius</i> <i>plumbeus</i> form	H					
Solitary Vireo <i>Vireo solitarius</i> <i>cassinii</i> form		rT		rT		
Hutton's Vireo <i>Vireo huttoni</i>		rT		rT		
Warbling Vireo <i>Vireo gilvus</i>	H	uT		uT		

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EMBERIZIDAE - WARBLERS, NEW WORLD FINCHES, BLACKBIRDS & ALLIES						
Orange-crowned Warbler <i>Vermivora celata</i>		uT		uT		
Nashville Warbler <i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	H					
Virginia's Warbler <i>Vermivora virginiae</i>	H					
Lucy's Warbler <i>Vermivora luciae</i>			uR			?
Yellow Warbler <i>Dendroica petechia</i>			uR			?
Yellow-rumped Warbler <i>Dendroica coronata</i> Audubon's form					fV	
Black-throated Gray Warbler <i>Dendroica nigrescens</i>		uT		uT		
Townsend's Warbler <i>Dendroica townsendi</i>		rT		rT		
Grace's Warbler <i>Dendroica graciae</i>	H					
Black-and-white Warbler <i>Mniotilta varia</i>	H					
MacGillivray's Warbler <i>Oporornis tolmiei</i>		rT		rT		
Wilson's Warbler <i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>		fT		fT		
Red-faced Warbler <i>Cardellina rubrifrons</i>	H					
Painted Redstart <i>Myioborus pictus</i>		rT		rT		
Summer Tanager <i>Piranga rubra</i>		uT		uT		
Western Tanager <i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>		uT		uT		
Northern Cardinal <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	?
Black-headed Grosbeak <i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>		fT		fT		
Lazuli Bunting <i>Passerine amoena</i>	H					
Indigo Bunting <i>Passerine cyanea</i>			uR			
Green-tailed Towhee <i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>		fT		fT		
Spotted Towhee <i>Pipilo maculatus</i>					rV	

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Canyon Towhee <i>Pipilo fascias</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	?
Abert's Towhee <i>Pipilo aberti</i>	NS	uR	uR	uR	uR	?
Rufous-crowned Sparrow <i>Aimophila ruficeps</i>		fR	fR	fR	fR	?
American Tree Sparrow <i>Spizella arbor</i>	H					
Chipping Sparrow <i>Spizella passerina</i>		fT		fT		
Brewer's Sparrow <i>Spizella breweri</i>	H					
Lark Sparrow <i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	H					
Black-throated Sparrow <i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	?
Song Sparrow <i>Melospiza melodia</i>	H				rV	
Lincoln's Sparrow <i>Melospiza lincolni</i>		rT		rT		
White-throated Sparrow <i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	H				rV	
Golden-crowned Sparrow <i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	H					
White-crowned Sparrow <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>					cR	
Dark-eyed Junco <i>Junco hyemalis</i> Oregon form - <i>caniceps</i>	H				uV	
Dark-eyed Junco <i>Junco hyemalis</i> Gray-headed form - <i>dorsalis</i>	H				uV	
Red-winged Blackbird <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	H					
Western Meadowlark <i>Sturnella neglecta</i>		uR	uR	uR	uR	
Brewer's Blackbird <i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	H					
Great-tailed Grackle <i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	H	uR	uR	uR	uR	
Bronzed Cowbird <i>Molothrus aeneus</i>			fR			N
Brown-headed Cowbird <i>Molothrus ater</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	N
Hooded Oriole <i>Icterus cucullatus</i>			fR			N
Bullock's Oriole <i>Icterus bullockii</i>	H		rR			?
Scott's Oriole <i>Icterus parisorum</i>	H					

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FRINGILLIDAE - OLD WORLD FINCHES AND ALLIES						
Purple Finch <i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	H					
Cassin's Finch <i>Carpodacus cassinii</i>					rV	
House Finch <i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>		cR	cR	cR	cR	?
Pine Siskin <i>Carduelis pinus</i>					fV	
Lesser Goldfinch <i>Carduelis psaltria</i>			uR			?
Lawrence's Goldfinch <i>Carduelis lawrencei</i>	H					
American Goldfinch <i>Carduelis tristis</i>	H				iV	
Evening Grosbeak <i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	H	rT		rT	rV	
PASSERIDAE - OLD WORLD SPARROWS						
House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	NN	fR	fR	fR	fR	?